

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Sonja Faye Bivins**

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**Sonja Faye Bivins**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: February 22, 1963  
Education: Spring Hill 1985 BS; Alabama 1988 JD  
Began Service: February 2, 2004  
Term Expires: February 2, 2012

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Danielle Dillard** ..... (251) 694-4548  
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**United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Alabama**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 2

**Court Staff**

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Education: Spring Hill 1973 BA;  
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**Chambers of Chief Bankruptcy Judge William S. Shulman**

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**William S. Shulman**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Alabama 1975 JD  
Began Service: 1996  
Term Expires: February 9, 2010

**Legal Practice:** Feibelman, Shulman and Terry, Attorneys at Law (1976-1996)

**Current Memberships:** Mobile Bar Association

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Susan Powers** ..... (251) 441-5625 ext. 4131  
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Education: Alabama 1990 JD  
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**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Margaret A. Mahoney**

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**Margaret A. Mahoney**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Col St Catherine 1971 BA; Minnesota 1974 JD  
Began Service: December 13, 1993  
Term Expires: December 12, 2021

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota (1984-1987); Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (1987-1989); Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Alabama (1996-2003)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP (1989-1993)

**Nonprofit:** Editor, The American Bankruptcy Law Journal (1998-2002)

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Deanne Tolbird** ..... (251) 441-5627  
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Term Expires: August 2009  
Education: Loyola (New Orleans) 2007 JD  
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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

**Number of Vacancies:** 0

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**Chambers of Chief Judge John W. Sedwick**

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**John W. Sedwick**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Dartmouth 1968 BA; Harvard 1972 JD  
Began Service: October 15, 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Government:** Director, Natural Resources Division, State of Alaska (1981-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Burr, Pease & Kurtz (1972-1981); Attorney, Burr, Pease & Kurtz (1983-1992)

**Military Service:** United States Air National Guard (1969-1971)

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association; American Bar Association; Anchorage Bar Association, Inc.

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Jeremy Ross** ..... (907) 677-6251  
Began Service: August 2008  
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**Chambers of District Judge Ralph R. Beistline**

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**Ralph R. Beistline**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Alaska 1972 BA; U Puget Sound 1974 JD  
Began Service: May 24, 2002  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Judge The Honorable Taylor, Superior Court of Alaska (1974-1975)

**Judicial:** Judge, Superior Court of Alaska (1992-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell & Brundin, LLC (1975-1978); Partner, Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell & Brundin, LLC (1979-1992)

**Staff**

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**Timothy Mark Burgess**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
Education: Alaska 1978 BA, 1982 MBA; Northeastern 1987 JD  
Began Service: January 2006  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** U.S. Attorney, Alaska District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1989-2001); U.S. Attorney, District of Alaska, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (2001-2005)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Private Practice (1987-1989)

**Staff**

Judicial Assistant **Stephanie Lawley** ..... (907) 677-6241

**Chambers of Senior Judge James K. Singleton, Jr.**

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**James K. Singleton, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1939  
Education: UC Berkeley 1961 AB; Boalt Hall 1964 LLB  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, Alaska Superior Court, Third District (1970-1980); Judge, Alaska Court of Appeals (1980-1990); Judge, United States District Court for the District of Alaska (1990-2004); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of Alaska (1995-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, DeLaney, Wiles, Moore and Hayes (1963); Attorney, DeLaney, Wiles, Moore and Hayes (1965-1968); Attorney, Roger Cremo Law Office (1968-1970)

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association; American Bar Association; Anchorage Bar Association, Inc.; State Bar of California

**Staff**

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**Chambers of Senior Judge H. Russel Holland**

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**H. Russel Holland**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
Education: Michigan 1958 BBA, 1961 LLB  
Began Service: 1984  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Alaska Supreme Court (1961-1963)

**Legal Practice:** Stevens & Savage (1965-1966); Partner, Stevens, Savage, Holland, Erwin & Edwards (1967-1968); Sole Practitioner, Law Office of H. Russel Holland (1968-1970); Partner, Holland & Thornton (1970-1978); Partner, Holland, Thornton & Trefry; Partner, Holland & Trefry (1978-1984); Trefry & Brecht

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